

THE FREEMASONS.

Third Day's Proceedings of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge resumed labor yesterday morning at nine o'clock, the Grand Master, M. W. Stephen H. Johnson, presiding.

The R. W. and Rev. E. L. SCHOONMAKER offered prayer.

BOARDS OF RELIEF.

On motion of R. W. ROBERT MACK, \$1,000 was donated to the Grand Lodge of Williamson. The report of the Board of Relief was read, accepted and placed on file, and showed the receipts for the past year to have been \$7,380 and expenditures \$8,361, balance in hand \$419. A motion to donate \$200 to the Board of Relief at Lockport was referred to the Committee on Finance. A resolution to donate a certain sum for the purpose of erecting a monument to the memory of the late R. W. James Herring was referred to the Committee on Finance.

SECRETARIANISM IN THE WORK.

By request of the presiding officer the official report to the Grand Lodge gives publicity to the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas the primary aim and object of Masonry is to unite men "who are of all nations, creeds and kindreds" upon the broad platform of toleration, and whereas the introduction of sectarian differences and animosities into the lodge is opposed to the universal and cosmopolitan character of the institution, therefore

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that all sectarian references and inferences are innovations upon the original and true spirit of the institution, and that the Grand Lodge do amend the standard work, so that the Grand Lecturer can teach it in conformity to this resolution.

The resolution was proposed by Worshipful Brother J. P. Solomons on Wednesday, but the official report to the Grand Lodge did not then think it proper to publish it, believing that it was purely Masonic. It was then tabled, but yesterday, on motion of the W. BENJAMIN DE TONG, the resolution was taken from the table and referred to the Committee on Work and Lectures.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

For Grand Master there were three nominations, viz.:—M. W. Stephen H. Johnson, present Grand Master; R. W. James Gibson, present Senior Grand Warden; and R. W. Deputy Grand Master, John H. Anthony. The following worshipful brethren were appointed tellers:—Edward Burlingame, Charles T. Foster, T. M. Evans and Stephen Marshall.

The R. W. and Rev. E. L. SCHOONMAKER offered prayer. The Grand Master then read the report of the Board of Relief, which was accepted and placed on file.

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WEST POINT.

Continuation of the Examination of the First Class Examined in Engineering—An Artillery Drill.

The examination in engineering of the remaining four sections of the first class was continued and completed to-day. As at yesterday's session of the Board of Examiners, there was present during the proceedings a large number of visitors, for the most part lay and gentleman friends of the members of the class. The cadets examined in the four sections, although evincing by their answers to the intricate questionings of the professors and by the manner in which they worked out the problems given them a very thorough knowledge of the special study which has been during the past two days the subject of the examination.

The examination in the high standard of excellence of the first section. This, however, could scarcely be otherwise, for the sections are arranged by order of merit, and the members of the first section are considered naturally the bright particular stars of the entire galaxy. But because some stars are brighter than others it does not necessarily follow that only the exceedingly bright ones are stars; and the last section of this class—the "bloody sixth," or "the immortals," as they are dubbed here—is by no means composed of men without brains, even though it be the least brilliant.

The following are the subjects upon which the sections were examined:

Morrison—Positions and strategic movements; sinking of shafts and estimation of shaft intervals. Fowler—Ditching and construction of ditches; reverse ditching of field fortifications; plan and section of the same.

Deshaier—Escalading and globes of compression; organization of the United States Army. Pop—Seasoning timber; conducting a retreat consisting of six regiments of infantry, two regiments of cavalry, and a battery of artillery and one company of engineers to Fort Mifflin.

Hall—Siege of Sebastia; enfilading batteries. Dahlgren—Reconnaissance; map; memoir for location of common roads; plan of the campaign in Central Virginia and battle of Five Forks.

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Swiger—Different periods of a siege; lines on circumvallation, countervallation; pneumatic pile. Jones—Different periods of a siege; lines on circumvallation, countervallation; pneumatic pile.

Shoemaker—Foundations; a/c; movements preliminary to assault on a fortification. Sherman's campaign from Chattanooga to Atlanta.

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Marlin—Field fortifications; geometrical survey. Thompson—Perimeter for Fortifications; plan and section of the same.

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The arrangements for a general geological survey of the island are nearly completed. Meantime the copper mining enterprise of the American company is progressing rapidly. The company has been successful in obtaining a large quantity of copper ore, and the results of the survey are expected to be of great value to the government.

The first section of the graduating class will be examined in ethics, which subject will be more interesting to "outsiders" than engineering.

The second class had an artillery drill this afternoon. The drill was conducted by the senior cadets, and was very successful. The results of the drill were very satisfactory, and the cadets were well drilled.

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EXTENSIVE FIRE IN AMITY PLACE.

Total Destruction of the Buildings Nos. 14 and 16 Amity Place—Loss over \$50,000 worth of Property.

A short time after two o'clock yesterday morning one of the officers of the Fire Department discovered a quantity of smoke issuing from the windows on the fourth floor of the buildings Nos. 14 and 16 Amity Place. While observing it for only a few seconds he observed sparks of fire, and before the officer had time to leave the spot the flames broke out. The alarm was given and the engines arrived on the ground in a short time, but by this time the fire had made such headway that it was found impossible to extinguish the flames or even save the building from total destruction. Some of the houses in the rear it was thought at one time would be also consumed, but fortunately these were saved. The fire, in which the fire occurred, was a very destructive one, it belonged to Henry Dinger, and was insured for \$10,000.

The second floor was occupied by Frederick Roth, for a saw mill, loss \$10,000; insured. The third floor was occupied by Otto & Baez, loss \$20,000; insured. The fourth floor was occupied by G. J. Ruppel, piano key makers, loss \$5,000; insured. The fifth floor was occupied by A. O. cabinet makers, loss \$5,000; insured. The sixth floor was occupied by Landman & Sons, piano manufacturers, loss \$10,000; insured. The seventh floor was occupied by a tenant, in which were a number of families, and when it was discovered that the burning building was in such close proximity to the houses in the rear, the fire was extinguished by the fire engines, but the damage to the property was very extensive.

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ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT OF RUTGERS FEMALE COLLEGE.

The annual commencement of Rutgers Female College was held yesterday afternoon, at three o'clock, at the Broadway Tabernacle. A large and fashionable audience was present, the front rows being reserved for the young ladies connected with the institution. Pupils were adorned in white, members of the graduating class being distinguished by a wreath of laurel as a badge of their scholarship. Prof. H. M. P. Jones, President of the institution, presided over the exercises, which were conducted by the leading clergymen of this city and Brooklyn and were invited to seats of honor. The exercises were opened with the singing of the following hymn:

Thy will be done, O God, in heaven and earth.
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—set to music by Mendelssohn. After an appropriate prayer the essays of the graduating class were read. The following was the range of topics:—"The Rights of Woman," by Miss M. A. Jones; "The Rights of Woman," by Miss M. A. Jones; "The Rights of Woman," by Miss M. A. Jones.

After the reading of the essays had been finished the awards of prizes and honors were announced, as follows:—For penmanship, composition and writing, Miss M. A. Jones; for scholarship, Miss M. A. Jones; for scholarship, Miss M. A. Jones.

The exercises of the day were concluded with a prayer by Rev. H. M. P. Jones, and a benediction by the same minister. The exercises were attended by a large number of friends of the college, and were very successful.

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